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UNITED UKRAINE: PROMOTING REGIONAL COOPERATION

The U.S. Embassy's Democracy Grants Program invites registered Ukrainian non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to submit grant proposals to promote better cooperation, communication, and exchange of information among Ukraine's regions. The goal of the competition is to foster mutual understanding and connections, establish and strengthen regular mechanisms of consultation, communication, and the sharing of information, experience, and expertise among regional groups and communities.

Projects selected for funding will promote a united Ukraine by encouraging inter-regional cooperation as well as the exchange of experience while increasing awareness of different national issues. Successful projects will encourage discussions and dialogue between regions as well as at the national level.

To achieve long-term and sustainable results for this initiative, partnerships between NGOs in different regions are required. Organizations should have a clear plan for inter-regional cooperation and appropriate partners in other cities or oblasts.

COMPETITION REQUIREMENTS

- Grants can be given to NGOs registered in accordance with Ukrainian law.
- All project activities are to take place in Ukraine.
- Applicants are encouraged to seek funding from other donors and to offer some type of cost sharing (volunteer time, space, equipment, etc.)
- ALL APPLICANTS SHOULD BE NON-PARTISAN. They cannot represent or be affiliated with a political party, or appointed or elected officials. Organizations that belong to, or are supported by, political parties are not eligible to apply.

Examples of successful proposals include, but are not limited to, the following components:

- Activities and exchanges that improve the expertise and professionalism of NGO leaders, NGO staff, activists, and human rights experts.
- Creation of effective and sustainable inter-regional partnerships among NGOs and media to work on cooperative inter-regional projects, dealing with topics such as government transparency, human rights, women's participation in decision-making, anti-corruption, and anti-trafficking.

- Encouragement of youth exchanges, particularly those that teach skills in problem-solving, conflict-resolution, and long-term cooperation.
- Provision of opportunities for cooperation and networking among students from different regions to discuss social, political, environmental, health, political, and economic issues.
- Inter-faith cooperation to address social issues and promote positive change.
- Empowerment of women and protection of the rights of minorities, including people with disabilities and ethnic groups to encourage a more inclusive and tolerant society.
- Interactive discussions, debates, public hearings, seminars and conferences to reach target audiences on topics of a national and inter-regional value. Innovative methodology and tools are encouraged.
- Improved communication among NGOs, activists, press, civil society, legal entities, and human rights experts.
- Organization of video conferences and webinars on current regional and national issues with partners in other regions of Ukraine.

The U.S. Embassy expects to fund quality and results-oriented projects from NGOs located throughout Ukraine. The duration of programs may vary depending on the proposals but the length of the project should be no greater than 12 months. The average project budget will be \$7,000–\$15,000. The winners of this grant competition will be notified in June 2014.

MAXIMUM FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR THIS GRANT IS \$24,000

DEADLINE: NO LATER THAN June 10, 2014, 11:00 a.m.

HOW TO APPLY

✓ **TO THE DEMOCRACY SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM**

Send project proposals marked “UNITED UKRAINE” electronically to the address:

KyivDemGrants@state.gov

In all correspondence, please refer to the “**United Ukraine Competition.**”

Please do not archive your documents. Send them as separate files.

Application forms with instructions are available at: <http://ukraine.usembassy.gov/programs-grants.html>

All applicants will be notified (by phone or e-mail) of their application’s receipt.

Please note that late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

Applications received by June 1 will receive priority consideration.

Applicants are encouraged strongly to review the information on the U.S. Embassy Democracy Commission Small Grants Program prior to submitting their proposals.